the State Governments so far. Besides, the Tenth Finance Commission has made a provision of Rs. 66.32 crores for repairs and renovation of jail buildings and for providing medical facilities.

Incentives to All India Service Officers

1139. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed special incentives to All India Services Officers posted in places like North-East, Jammu and Kashmir, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Special incentives including special allowances are provided to Civilian Employees of the Central Government, including All India Services Officers, serving in the North Eastern States and in the Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Group of Islands. These include Special Duty Allowance; special tenures of postings/deputation; weightage for Central deputations/training abroad and special mention in Confidential records; Special Compensatory Allowances; liberalised Leave Travel concessions, Travelling allowance and HRA; Children Education Allowance and Hostel subsidy; retention of Government accommodation at the last place of posting; and retention of telephone facilities and medical facilities at the last place of posting.

All India Services Officers in Jammu & Kashmir are also provided special incentives which include the option to move the family to a place of choice; payment of HRA for class A city irrespective of status of the city chosen; arrangements for stay, security and transport; a per diem allowance of Rs. 10 per each day of attendance, messing allowance at a uniform rate of Rs. 15 per day/departmental messing arrangements etc.

Certain additional incentives are also provided to All India Services Officers by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sealing of borders with Pakistan

1140. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has sealed its Western Border with India to curb growing violence and terrorism in its troubled Sindh Province and other areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to seal their borders alongwith entire Pakistan to curb violence and terrorism being launched by militants from Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and

(b) It has been reported that Prime Minister, Pakistan, during a meeting to review the law and order situation in Sindh, had given directions to seal the International Border of Sindh.

(c) and (d) In order to check the infiltration and smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives from across the Western Border, Government have already undertaken following steps:—

(i) Construction/erection of border security fencing, floodlighting along the International Border with Pakistan in Punjab and Rajasthan Sectors and 10 Km. of Rann area in Gujarat adjoining the Rajasthan Sector. Proposal to erect fencing and floodlighting in Jammu Sector is under active consideration of the Government. Feasibility of erecting fencing on a raised embankment in the Rann area of Gujarat is also being examined;

(ii) Deployment of more troops, sanctioned by Government under the expansion plan, and thereby reducing inter BOP gaps for better border management and vigilance;

(iii) Out Posts, patrolling and naka duties have been intensified;